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The VERTUES

Of that Well-known and Often Experienced

MEDICINE

Fletcher's Powder.

THis *Noble* and *Excellent Panacæa*, is so wonderful a Friend unto *Decaying Nature*, that whatever *Unnatural*, *Destructive*, and *Health-oppoſing Matter* it ſhall meet with in the Body of *Man*, be it from what Cauſe, Source, or Fountain it will, or in what parts ſoever (for it purifieth from Center to Circumference) it * doth by its renovating quality (in time) radically extirpate and drive out, and in its place conſtitutes a Healthful Body (as hath been proved by Thouſands in the City of *London*) having cured *Head-aches*, *Vertigoes*, *Appoplexies*, *Lethargies*, *Epilepſies*, *Convulſions*, with all other Diſtempers that uſually afflict the Head: as *Difficulty of Hearing*, *Noiſe in the Head and Ears*, *Diſeaſes of the Eyes*, *Teeth*, &c. Its alſo effectual in Opening all Obſtructions of the *Stomach*, *Liver*, *Spleen*, and all the Noble Bowels; expelling Venoms offending the ſame: by which it cures *Agues*, and *Feavers* of all ſorts. It powerfully cures that loathſome Diſeaſe *Ala mode d'Engleitere*, with all its Symptoms. It cures the *Scurvey*, *Leproſie*, *Gout*, *Dropſie*, *Stone*. It reſiſts the *Peſtilence*, *Small-pox*, and *Meaſles*. It expels Poyſon, and hath done wonders upon thoſe Bodies which have been ſpoiled by *Mercurial Medicines*, too too often uſed (ſuppoſing therewith) to cure all foul and ſtubborn Diſeaſes.

* *Or the Spirit being aſſiſted by it.*

For this New and Now Reigning *Putrid Feaver*, at-

tended with Aguiſh Shiverings, Griping in the Guts, Vomitings, Giddineſs, Violent Pains in the Head and Limbs, *&c.* (the which Diſeaſe may in all probability terminate in a Plague, unleſs repentance pacifie the awakened Wrath.) This Medicine is excellent both for cure and prevention; and I dare and may boldly affirm, That no Man or Medicine hath cured ſo many of the aforeſaid Diſeaſe as this Powder; as Thouſands can witneſs.

A ſafer or powerfuller *Medicine* cannot be given for *Women*, it being an *Univerſal Remedy* for thoſe many Diſtempers that uſually attend their Weak, Unhealthy, Cold, and Moiſt Bodies; all which I ſhall not name, but commend it as a Wonder-working Powder to prevent Miſcariages in Women with-child; and when time of ſeparation is near, to cauſe ſpeedy and eaſie Delivery, and to eaſe the After-pains: And did all Women know what this Medicine hath performed in theſe Caſes, there is none but would make uſe of it at ſuch times, *viz.* both before the time of Travel, and after Delivery. In Virgins it ſpeedily takes away the Cauſe of the *Green Sickneſs*, and thoſe ill Habits of Body effects of Obſtructions, and cauſeth in them a Lively, Freſh, and Cheerful Countenance, *&c.* To Children it is a moſt Potent Preſervative, and cures them of *Convulſions*, *Falling-Sickneſs*, *Worms*, *Small-pox*, *Meaſles*, *Rickets*, &c.

It wonderfully diſpoſeth Wounds (both Internal and External) to Healing, and in ſhort time perfects the Cure; and for all Outward Wounds, taking this Medicine, you need only waſh the Sore Night and Morning with your Urine Warm, and bind it up to defend it from the Air. It cures all Swellings, Inflamations, and Pains of the Limbs. I have (without the uſe of any Outward Application) cured Cancerated Breaſts of long continuance; Gangrenous Tumours, Kings-Evil, and Fiſtula's to a wonder. In ſhort, this Medicine is ſo

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great a Friend to Nature, that no Diſeaſe (the appointed time for Diſſolution being not yet come) is able to withſtand its power; for againſt all Diſeaſes there is a Remedy, but againſt Death none; but to this and all other (Good) Medicines, time muſt be given to manifeſt their Effects: For many raſh and inconſiderate People, hearing of a Good Medicine, will without doubt be deſirous to make trial of it, and will alſo imagine, that as ſoon as they have taken it into their Bodies (or at fartheſt within two or three days) that their Infirmity or Diſeaſe, of what kind or degree ſoever, muſt of neceſſity preſently vaniſh and be gone, without any the leaſt Sign or Relict of it remaining; which no ingenious perſon muſt or will expect: but according to the Nature, Radication, Habit, and Continuance of the Diſtemper; with the Age, Strength, and Conſtitution of Body, Nature co-acting with the Medicine, expect the deſired Effects in the Reſtauration of Health, which (by Gods Bleſſing and an orderly uſe of this Medicine in due time) will be found. Now this Powder at ſome times, and in ſome Bodies, may work by Vomit, Stool, Sweat, and Urine, eſpecially at the firſt taking of it; let not any therefore preſently imagine this to be a common Medicine, and ſuch Operations to be conſtant in all Bodies and at all times: No (rather) let them conclude (as juſtly and truly they may) ſuch Operations to proceed from great quantity of Diſeaſie Matter Nature was filled and obſtructed with, which would not eaſily be evacuated, without ſuch Operations well to be tollerated or born with, in reſpect of the great benefit they will reap by it, *viz.*) the preventing ſome greater miſchief, *&c.* to the truth of which I have had large experience; having known many on which it had ſuch Operations at the firſt, but by a continued and moderately repeated taking of it for (ſome time) by which their Bodies became emptied and freed rom that ſtubborn groſs Matter, they afterwards felt

not the leaſt trouble or manifeſt Operations, but if Nature makes a ſeparation by Vomit, Stool, Sweat or Urine (how forcible ſoever they ſeem to be at preſent) ſhe is never weakned but ſtrengthened, *&c.* all which proves the Medicine to be friendly.

But often doth this Excellent Medicine both prevent and cure a Diſeaſe without any of the before-mentioned Operations (as Experience teſtifieth) by keeping in Vigor, and pacifying (when enraged) the Vital Spirit in Man.

Therefore the higheſt and nobleſt way of Cure, is by ſuch Medicines as are exalted by Art to ſuch a degree of Purity as makes them fit to (pacifie or) bring to quiet the Natural Spirit.

For Preſerving or Reſtoring of Health, conſiſts not in taking of Poyſonous Purges, Vomits, Fluxing with *Mercury*, or Torturing the Sick with Bliſters, Cuppings, Iſſues, Bleedings, *&c.* to the end the Spirit being more enraged by ſuch eminent dangers immediately threatning the Life, in hopes (by that means) it may throw out what was offending before; but in keeping it from fury, if not already provoked, or otherwiſe pacifying, if enraged, as aforeſaid. And I appeal to all Ingenious Men, which of the two is the better Method; for whatſoever is not friendly to the Life, either ingendred within, or aſſumed from without, brings ſooner or later, the whole or part, into an inquietude.

Conſider, What is it that gives eminency to any one thing we eſteem as Excellent, and we ſhall find that it is the Purity of it; if we conſider then what we are ſpeaking of, *viz.* A Medicine to help Nature, we muſt alſo conclude its efficacy and excellency to proceed from its purity or purified Nature; then conſider what it is for, It is to help and reſtore Decaying Nature, or the Languiſhing Spirit in Man. Now this Spirit is the moſt ſubtile part of Man, therefore no way to be aſſiſted, but by that which is of purity and likeneſs with it (*viz.*) *Medicine*

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of a Solar (or Gold-like) Nature, made by Art ſubtle penetrable, and capable by its ſplendent Beam to diſpel thoſe Miſts in the Air which clouds and darkens the Sun of the Little World Man; and he that hath ſuch a Medicine as this (which every Phyſician ought to have) needs not ſo much mind the uncertain Indications, Diagnoſticks, and the like Verbal Impertinences, *&c.* which ſerves only for oſtentation.

Now Courteous Reader, Conſider whether this *Solar Powder* (which is ſo amicable to Nature, and cures Radicated Diſeaſes by enlightning and enlivening the Natural Spirit, be the fitter Medicine to be uſed, or thoſe common groſs pretended Medicines which acts or works upon the Sound as well as the Sick, to the great injury of Mankind, *&c.* judge ye.

DIRECTIONS for the USE Of that Excellent MEDICINE FLETCHER'S POWDER.

1. Direct. FOr *Madneſs, Inflamations of the Brain, and all Violent Pains in the Head; take a paper of Powder Morning and Night in a ſpoonful of Wine, Ale, Beer, Sider, or Mead.*

2. *For Convulſions, Falling-Sickneſs, Palſies, Tremblings, and Weakneſs of the Sinews; Take half a paper Morning, Noon, and Night, in any of the aforeſaid Liquors.*

3. *For Stoppage of the Stomach, Difficulty of Breathing, Inflammations and Ulcers in the Stomach, Spitting of Blood or Matter, Conſumptions, Coughs, Diſtillations of Rheums, Weakneſs of Stomach, or Want of Appetite; Take a Paper of Powder every Morning faſting in a ſpoonful of Beer, Ale, Wine, or Sider, and drink a little more of the ſame*

ſame Liquor to waſh it down; and then faſt two hours after, and then eat or drink what your Stomach craves, or beſt agrees with it; you may go about your buſineſs, &c.

4. For the Collick or Stone in the Reins or Bladder, Bloody Urine, Stoppage of Urine, or Ulcers in the Reins or Bladder, Inward Wounds or Bruiſes, Fluxes of the Belly, Griping of the Guts: Take a paper every Morning faſting in a little Ale, Wine, &c. and half a paper Noon and Night.

5. For the Dropſie take a paper Morning, Noon, and Night.

6. For Agues or Feavors at the firſt take a full paper, and afterwards half a paper every three hours; and in ſo doing no Ague or Feaver can long abide.

7. For the Scurvey, Pox, and Running of the Reins, take a paper every Morning and Night.

8. For Women with-child, to prevent Miſcarriages, take half a paper Morning and Night; but when time of Travel is come take a paper, and if Delivery be not preſently, the next hour take another, &c. and when Delivered, take half a paper every two hours, to eaſe After-pains.

9. For Obſtruction or Over flowing of the Flowers, take half a paper Morning, Noon, and Night.

10. In the Small-pox or Plague, take a paper every eight hours.

11. For Children you muſt give them a Doſe every Morning according to their Age; a Child new-born may take an eighth or tenth part of a paper, a Child of a year old a quarter of a paper or a ſixth part, 2, 3, or 4 years old a third 5, 6, 7, half a paper, &c. for you cannot hurt if you over or under doſe it a little; the Medicine being ſafe.

12. For Curing of Sores, as Cancers, Gangrens, Ulcers, Fiſtula's, Kings Evil, or any other Old Sores, waſh them twice a day with your Urine warm (to keep them clean) and if there be any deep wounds (as often in Fiſtula's there are) make Roles or Tents with Lint or Flax, and dip them in your Water (and ſprinkle a little Powder upon it) and tent your Wound with it, then bind it up to keep it from the Air: Take a paper of Powder every Morning faſting.

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13. *For the curing of Stabs, Cuts, Bruises, dip Lint or Flax in Water, and then dip it in the Powder, and apply it to the place, and let it lie on 48 hours at the first Dressing, afterwards but 24. &c.*

14. *In all Old or Cold Swellings, Strains, Numb, Lame, or Weak Limbs; take a paper every Morning fasting, and every Night bathe the parts affected with a little Brandy warm.*

15 *For Burns, Scalds, Scabs, Itch, Tetters, Ring-worms, Shingles, Inflamations, Hot Swellings, Piles, or Hemorrhoids; take a paper every Morning fasting, and anoint or bathe the parts affected every Night with a little Sallet Oyl, Vinegar, and the Powder beaten together.*

16. *For the Gout take a paper every Morning and Night, and often bath the parts pained with hot Vinegar.*

Those that are troubled with any other Diseases than those afore-mentioned, either Internal or External, within the reach of Medicine, of what nature or kind soever, may be cured by this Medicine; and I do advise all who love their health, to take a paper of this Powder for three or four Mornings every Moneth; thereby you may root out the Scurvey, the seed of which secretly lodges in the Blood, in most seeming healthy persons; of which (root) most Diseases are but branches.

For Seamen that go long Voyages, or others, that Travel by Land, this Medicine is of great use, and may save life, where at Sea the Doctors Chest (or in other places the Shop Medicine) may fail: For at Sea in Calentures, Feavors and Fluxes, many Seamen are lost, for want of a good Medicine, powerfully to resist Diseases. Now for the cure of these, let the Sick take a paper of Powder Morning, Noon, and Night, and none of these violent Diseases can long abide.

They are also in use in Forreign Plantations, where many that escape Death, are for ever deprived of the former use of their Limbs, and all for want of good Medicine.

Note, That this Medicine will keep its Vertues many years, being separated from those Impurities which cause Corruption; and may as well be taken in extream wea-

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ther as at Spring or Fall, the only [illegible] to take Medicines, &c.

The half Packet, marked with the figure 4, [illegible] two shillings; the whole Packet marked with the figure [illegible] is four shillings; each Packet sealed with *Helmont's* Head to prevent Counterfeits.

All Persons that live remote from London, *either* [illegible] Ireland, *or any of the English Plantations* [illegible] *have a desire to* [illegible] *furnished for their own* [illegible] *with this excellent* [illegible], *let them repair to my worthy and trusty Friend, Mr.* Dorman Newman *Bookseller at the* Kings Arms [illegible] Poultrey London, *for I have solely intrusted* [illegible] *dispose of it into all Countreys, & no other* [illegible] *as he shall appoint.*

It is to be sold at these places following, with a Printed Paper of Directions for its use.

MRs. *Whites* Coffee-house in *Popes-head Alley*, and Mr. *Rotheram* at the *Golden Ball* in *Swetting Alley*, both in *Cornhill* [illegible] at the [illegible] in *Mincing lane*, [illegible] at his Coffee-house in *Talbot Court* in *Gracechurch-street*, Mr. *Dangerfield* at his Coffee-house near *Temple-Bar*, Mr. *Bateman* at the *Bible* over against *Furnivals Inne* in *Holbourn*; Mr. *Sam. Herricks* Shop at *Grey-Inne-Gate* near *Holbourn*, Mr. *Blount* at the *Black Raven* over against *Bedford House*, and Mr. *Cademan* in the [illegible] *Change*, both in the *Strand*, Mr. *Simon* [illegible] in *Bedford-street*, and Mr. *Rowland* [illegible] *Bretta street* both [illegible] *Garden* [illegible] *Three Bibles* in the [illegible] his Shop, and Mr. *Newman* at [illegible] both in *Westminster Hall*, all being Booksellers [illegible] *Jer. Homes* Scrivener near the *Spittle* in *Bishopsgate-street*.

And at my House at the [illegible] near *Cheapside*.

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